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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED REFTEL POINT-BY-POINT WITH FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (FCO). IN MOST CASES FCO HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT TO MAKE, BUT A FEW NOTEWORTHY POINTS EMERGED AND ARE DISCUSSED BELOW.

2. WITH REGARD TO HAZARDOUS WASTES (PARA 8-A REFTEL), FCO IS NOT SURE THAT UK WILL BE PREPARED TO CO-PILOT PROJECT. THEY MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER SOME UNSPECIFIED HELP, BUT THIS IS LIKELY TO FALL SHORT OF ACTUALLY CO-PILOTING THE PROJECT. AS FOR SOLAR ENERGY (PARA 8-B REFTEL), BUILDING RESEARCH STATION IN WATFORD IS INTERESTED IN APPLICATIONS IN BUILDINGS, BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, BUT IT NOT CLEAR WHAT CONTRIBUTION BRS
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IS PREPARED TO MAKE AT THIS TIME.

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3. FCO REACTION TO CANADIAN STRATOSPHERIC JET AIR POLLUTION PROJECT PROPOSAL (PARA 8-D REFTEL) WAS DISTINCTLY NEGATIVE. IN FACT, OUR CONTACT SAID HMG "HOPES IT WILL DIE A NATURAL DEATH." PROBLEM IS THAT PROJECT CAUSES BRITISH SOME AMXIETY BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE APPLICATION TO CONCORDE.

4. HMG IS COMPLETING REPORT ON ROAD SAFETY (PARA 9-A REFTEL) WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY EMBASSY. WE WILL REPORT ON IT SEPARATELY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. IN ADVANCED HEALTH CARE (PARA 9-G REFTEL), WE REITERATED OUR HOPE THAT DR. IAN WOOTON WILL BE AVAILABLE TO REPORT ON AUTOMATED CLINICAL LABORATORIES PROJECT. OUR FCO CONTACT TOOK NOTE AND WILL CHECK AND LET US KNOW.

6. SIR ALAN COTTRELL, CHIEF SCIENTIFIC ADVISER IN CABINET OFFICE, WILL REPORT ORALLY ON ADVANCED WASTE WATER TREATMENT (PARA 9-H REFTEL). SIR ALAN WILL HEAD THE UK DELEGATION.

7. FCO IS OPPOSED TO HOLDING PLENARY OUTSIDE NATO HEADQUARTERS (PARA 11 REFTEL) AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. FCO POSITION AT MOMENT IS THAT IF ITALIANS ARE EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO HOST THE MEETING, HMG WOULD BE WILLING TO GIVE THE PROPOSAL SOME STUDY. HOWEVER, THEIR INFORMATION IS THAT THE ITALIANS ARE NOT PUSHING THIS PROPOSAL, AND THEY ASSUME THE SPRING PLENARY WILL THEREFORE BE HELD IN BRUSSELS.

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